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SUBJECT: SID AHMAD'S NEW BOOK

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1. SENIOR FSL HAS READY SID AHMAD'S NEW BOOK, QTE WHEN THEGUNS FALL
SILENT UNQTE, PUBLISHED IN ARABIC. ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY HE HAS
PREPARED, BOOK APPEARS TO CONSIST OF SERIES OF ANI-AMERICAN, PRO-SOVI
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OPINIONS LOOSELY TIED TOGETHER UNDER GENERAL RUBRIC OF POSSIBLE
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE OF ISRAEL IN ME. SID AHMAD, WHOSE CRITICISMS OF USG
AND SADAR ARE CAREFULLY AND CIRCUMSPECTLY PHRASED, APPARENTLY OFFERS
NO NEW INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS SINCE OCTOBER WAR. ALTHOUGH HE
DIRECTLY ADDRESSES TOUCHY QUESTION OF INTEGRATING ISRAELI TECHNOLOGY
WITH ARAB MONEY AND LABOR FORCES, HIS CONCLUSION IS THAT ISRAEL
CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY ROLE OF TROJAN HORSE FOR IMPERIALIST PLANS IN
ARAB AREA. HE WARNS AGAINST ISRAELI INSISTANCE ON SEPARATE SETTLEMENT
WITH CONFRONTATION STATES, IMPLYING GENEVA IS THE PROPER FORUM FOR A
SETTLEMENT. HE ALSO CAUTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL'S ACTIVITY IN AFRICA
WHERE GOI PLAYS SURROGATE ROLE FOR US IMPERIALISTS, AND HE POINTS
OUT THAT ISRAEL WILL ALWAYS HAVE IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY ON

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BEHALF OF IMPERIALISTS.

2. SID AHMAD IMPLIES OCTOBER WAR WAS RESULT OF US/SADAT PLOT
STEMMING FROM SECRETARY'S ALLEGED REMARKS TO NEWSWEEK'S DE
BORCHGRAVE THAT SECRETARY PREFERS DEAL ONLY WITH QTE HOT UNQTE
SITUATION. (SIMILAR COMMENT BY EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST SALA 'ISA
LAST FALL RESULTED IN SUSPENSION OF LIBERAL MONTHLY AL-KATIB.)
SID AHMAD ACCUSES US MEDIA OF DEPICTING SECRETARY AS MIRACLE MAN
WHO MADE DETENTE POSSIBLE, ADDING THAT DETENTE IS FRUIT OF MOSCOW'S
EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT LENIN'S VIEWS ON PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

3. USG IS ALSO ACCUSED OF SEEKING TO USE OIL CRISIS AS METHOD TO
CONTROL JAPAN AND EUROPE. SID AHMAD CAUTIONS USG SEEKS TO
CONFUSE ME CRISIS WITH OIL CRISIS BY SHIFTING FOCUS OF INTERNATIONAL
POLITICS FROM PALESTINE TO THE GULF, A REMARK WHICH WE RECALL
SOVIET PROPAGANDIST BELYAEV HAS MADE IN HIS ME LEVTURE TOURS.

4. SID AHMAD HAS NOTHING BUT KIND WORDS FOR HAYKAL WHOM HE
IMPLIES HAS LOST HIS INFLUENCE TO DETRIMENT OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN
POLICY. HE ALSO INCLUDES HIGH PRAISE FOR QADDHAFI, WHOSE CULTURAL
REVOLUTION WAS A QTE SEARCH FOR PERFECTION UNQTE.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME LEBANESE PAPERS REVIEWED THE BOOK AND
AT LEAST ONE CRITICIZED SI AHMAD FOR ALLEGEDLY CALLING FOR ARAB
COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL. APPARENTLY SID AHMAD RESPONDED TO
CRITICISM IN ARTICLE FOR LEBANESE DAILY, AL-HAWADITH, IN WHICH HE
SAID HE HAD MERELY WRITTEN THAT SOME ARABS CALLED FOR SUCH
COOPERATION. WE DO NOT HAVE TEXT OF ANY OF THESE ARTICLES HERE.
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